

# NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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**Comments:**

This interpretation is intended to mirror the language of State Statute 71-20,116(6)

**Question:** How are new and existing Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) to be classified under the *Life Safety Code*?

**Response:** New and existing ALF will be inspected as Residential Board and Care Occupancies, or as Limited Care Occupancies. The administrator of the ALF has the discretion regarding admission or retention of residents to maintain compliance with the applicable Life Safety Code classification.

When all residents achieve and maintain an evacuation capability of Prompt or Slow the facility is permitted to be classified as a Residential Board and Care Occupancy. When a facility with more than 16 residents is classified as Impractical to Evacuate, the facility must be classified as a Limited Care Facility.

Evacuation Capability is defined as follows:

<b>Prompt</b>	Less than 3 minutes to reach a point of safety.
<b>Slow</b>	3 to 13 minutes to reach a point of safety.
<b>Impractical</b>	More than 13 minutes to reach a point of safety.

Resident admission and retention policies, level of care provided and staffing levels will all contribute to the classification of the facility. The authority having jurisdiction will verify this information as part of a Life Safety Code inspection.

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